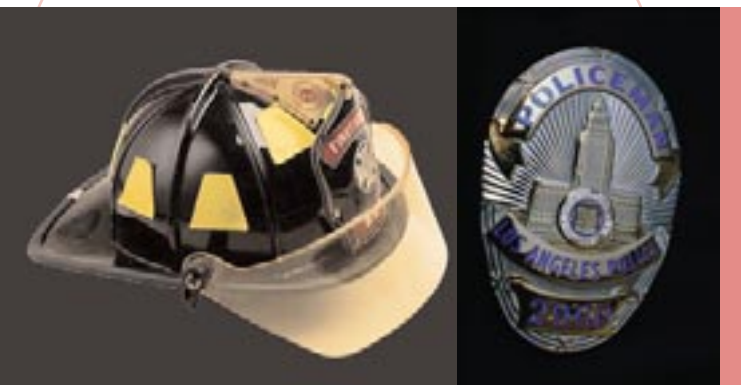


WHAT IS THE LEPD GRANT PROGRAM?

The Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents (LEPD) Grant Program is a program administered by the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) that provides educational grants for eligible students.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Dependents or spouse of an individual who was killed in the performance of duty or is totally disabled as a result of an accident or an injury caused by external violence or physical force, incurred in the performance of duty.

These were employed as:

- A California peace officer or law enforcement officer
- An officer or employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Youth Authority in California
- A California firefighter employed by a county, city, city and county, district or other political subdivision of the state.

Your grant will be in an amount equal to the amount provided to a student who has been awarded a Cal Grant. Awards may be used for tuition and fees, books, supplies and living expenses.



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

LEPD students must:

- Be the child (natural or adopted) or spouse, at the time of death or injury, of a California: peace officer or law enforcement officer; officer or employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Youth Authority; or firefighter.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six units at a California postsecondary institution (2 year community college or 4 year college/university) accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the financial aid office at the institution in which you are enrolled.



HOW DO I APPLY?

You must file the following documents:

- An LEPD Grant Application. You can obtain an application by calling the Commission's Specialized Programs Branch or submitting your request in writing.
- A copy of your most recent Student Aid Report (SAR), which is generated after filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Birth certificate (if you are a dependent).
- Death certificate, coroner's report, police report or any other documentation that shows evidence that the:
 - a) death or total disability was caused by external violence or physical force incurred in the line of duty - for peace and law enforcement officers;
 - b) death, accident or injury was caused by the direct action of an inmate - for officers and employees of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Youth Authority;
 - c) death or total disability was the result of accident or injury incurred in the performance of duty - for firefighters.
- Findings of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board or other evidence that the fatality or disabling accident or injury was compensable under Division 4.0 and 4.5 (commencing with Section 6100) of the Labor Code.

You can mail the documents to the Commission at any time.

WHAT IS THE COMMISSION REVIEW PROCESS?

Upon receipt of all necessary documents, the Commission will review them to determine if you meet program-eligibility requirements. If you are eligible for an LEPD award, you will be notified by mail through an award letter. If you are not eligible for an LEPD award, you will be notified by mail.



QUALIFYING CLASSIFICATIONS

Please review the Commission's Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents (LEPD) Grant Program Information Sheet, for a complete list of all law enforcement and other job classifications that qualify for the LEPD Grant Program.

HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

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FURTHER INFORMATION?

You may access the Commission's Web site for further information on this and other financial aid programs at: www.csac.ca.gov



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